को प्रोत्साहन देने हेतु कोई प्रस्ताव है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस दिशा में सरकार ने क्या कदम उठाए हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार की नीति का ब्यौरा क्या है?

खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के.पी. सिंह देव): (क) से (ग) जी हां। यद्यपि मंत्रालय केवल महिलाओं के लिए कोई स्कीम विशेष नहीं चलाता, पर खाद्य प्रसंस्करण उद्योग स्थापित करने के लिए महिला उद्यमियों से प्राप्त होने वाले प्रस्तावों को प्राथमिकता दी जाती है। इसी तरह मंत्रालय द्वारा सहायता प्राप्त खाद्य प्रसंस्करण तथा प्रशिक्षण केन्द्रों में महिलाओं को प्रशिक्षण देने की प्राथमिकता दी जाती है ताकि उन्हें खाद्य प्रसंस्करण यूनिटें स्थापित करने के लिए प्रोत्साहन मिले। सरकार ने महिला उद्योग निधि भी स्थापित की है जिसके मार्फत महिला उद्यमियों को सहायता उपलब्ध कराई जाती है।

Performance of the Intelligence Agencies

647. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the experience gained, Government have, at any stage, considered the question of examining the role and performance of the intelligence agencies and their achievements and failures;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to bring about structural and procedural reforms in the country's intelligence outfits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) and (b) The performance of Intelligence Agencies has been constantly under review and their role and performance are considered at frequent intervals at the highest levels.

(c) Operational performance of the intelligence agencies is constantly reviewed and undated based on the experience gained.

Inter-Exchange Transfer of Telephone in Delhi

648. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephones transferred under OYT category of Nehru Place Exchange to any other exchange in Delhi pending for more than one year, alongwith the reasons for not affecting the change;

(b) whether it is a fact that the concerned authorities are not taking any action;

(c) whether telephone subscribers have any liability of paying rental or other charges for the period during which the telephones remains inoperative and not transferred as requested, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the remedial measures taken by the MTNL to remove undue hardship to the subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, 11 cases are pending for more than one year for transfer of telephones under OYT category from Nahru Place exchange to other exchanges in Delhi due to subscriber's reasons.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Pro-rata refund of rental is allowed for the periods the telephone service remains suspended if the shifting is delayed beyond 15 days due to departmental reasons.

(d) Bulk of the shifting cases are cleared within the stipulated time-limit unless cases are delayed due to technical non-feasibility or subscriber's reasons. Constant monitoring is done until the cases become feasible and the subscribers are kept informed.

News Regarding Counterfeit Currency Racket

649. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a counterfeit currency racket unearthed in Raipur (Vide the Statesman, 12th February 1996);